

# WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP



PO Box 244, 156B West Main Street, Reinholds, PA 17569  
717-336-8720

[www.westcocalicotownship.com](http://www.westcocalicotownship.com)



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Fall/Winter 2022

## Construction Begins On New Sewer Plant



### Hooking Up To The Sewer System

#### Financial Assistance

Looking for financial assistance to help with the cost of hooking up to the sewer system?  
Visit our website at [www.westcocalicotownship.com](http://www.westcocalicotownship.com), under Authority, click Financial Assistance.

#### Tapping Fees

**EFFECTIVE NOW\***  
\$10,250.00

**EFFECTIVE LATER\*\***  
\$16,770.00

\*Commencing immediately and continuing until the date 90 days after the Authority has completed the Project and can accept new connection to the Sewer System for existing homes.

\*\*Commencing 91 days after the Authority has completed the Project and can accept new connections to the Sewer System and new homes.

**Must have an existing structure as of April 12, 2002**

## Supervisors Donate ARP Funds to Local Non-Profits

The Board of Supervisors wanted to provide some additional support to these organizations who give so much back to our community.



## ***Municipal Snow Removal Policy***

As we approach winter, we are taking this opportunity to provide a summary of the Municipal Snow Removal Policy and share some helpful guidelines:

At the start of the storm, all trucks are sent out to their assigned areas with the instructions to salt hills, intersections and curve areas first, then all other areas. When there is sufficient depth to the storm to warrant plowing, the drivers are instructed to make one pass in each direction on the street and to make one pass in and one pass out in the cul-de-sacs. Heavily traveled roads will be plowed first and then less traveled areas, as well as developments and cul-de-sacs. After each one is passable, the procedure of pushing back the snow to the road edge and cleaning out the cul-de-sacs will begin. This operation may not begin until the following day or days depending upon the severity of the storm. The road crew does their best to keep the roads passable and to not push snow into driveways, around mailbox areas or damage grass in the right-of-way.

***Thank you for your patience during the winter season.***

### **Helpful guidelines to follow:**

- ❖ Park off the road and in your driveway or in one of our township owned parks. If your driveway is steep or you have multiple vehicles, please park at the mouth of your driveway and off the road. In cul-de-sacs, please park all vehicles off the roadway.
- ❖ Wait to shovel snow from the last five feet of your driveway until the roadway is plowed to full width.
- ❖ **Do not put snow on streets** or on neighboring properties. **IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHOVEL OR BLOW SNOW ONTO TOWNSHIP OR STATE ROADS.**
- ❖ For your safety, if there is a fire hydrant on your property, please clear the snow from the hydrant.

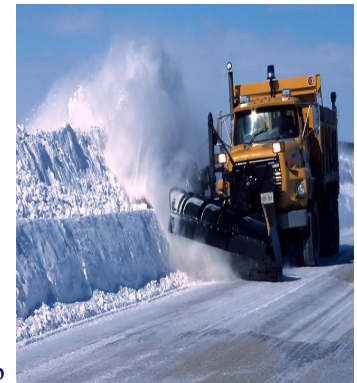
## **SNOW ROUTE**

A snow plowing route has been created for: **Boulder Drive, Bridle Path Way, Cedar Court, Chapel View Drive, Circle Drive, Clearview Drive, Farrow Lane, Green Court, Highland Court, Hill Drive, Hollow Road, Joshua Circle, Krueger Drive, Linda Lane, Martin Circle, Park View Drive, Pebble Lane, Pelham Road, Pheasant Lane, Pine Crest Drive, Red Stone Circle, Sandra Circle, Steeple Court, Sunrise Lane, Village Spring Lane and Walnut Lane**

From the time there is an accumulation of any measurable snow or sleet until it has been substantially removed from the streets, **NO PARKING WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE DESIGNATED STREETS. THIS APPLIES EVEN WHEN NO EMERGENCY IS DECLARED.**

The township **WILL NOT** remind you to move your cars.

During that time, parking will be permitted on grass and sidewalks without ticketing. Additional parking will also be available in Chapel Gate Park, Schoeneck Park and the Township Building.



**IF PLOWING STARTS ON YOUR STREET AND THE CARS ARE NOT MOVED, TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED BY THE POLICE**

## **LOW HANGING TREES & SHRUBS**

All residents are reminded to take care of any low hanging trees and/or shrubs on their property. If the trees or shrubbery on your property are growing onto or over the roadway, please trim the branches. Tree limbs hinder larger trucks, school buses and snow plows from moving freely on the roadway. Failure to remove any low hanging trees and shrubs may result in that area not being plowed or the road crew trimming them for you.

Thank you for your cooperation!



## **MAILBOXES**

Checking your mailbox now will keep you worry free all winter when snow plows pass by.

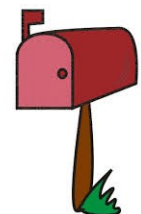
Please ensure your mailbox is secure and does not lean over the curb-line. Mailboxes that lean over the curb-line are more likely to get hit by a snowplow.

Mailboxes and mailbox posts that are loose, rotten or in generally poor condition can be knocked over by heavy snow.

**MAILBOXES WILL NOT BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED IF DAMAGED BY HEAVY SNOW.**

**THE MAILBOX OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF THE MAILBOX IF THE MAILBOX WAS DAMAGED BY THE PRESSURE OF THE PLOWED SNOW, AND THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE SNOW PLOW EQUIPMENT.**

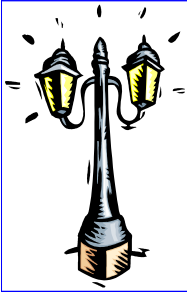
For mailbox installation guidelines visit our website at [www.westcocalicotownship.com](http://www.westcocalicotownship.com)



**WOODY WASTE DISPOSAL**

55 Woodcrest Road  
Ephrata, PA 17522

For a small fee, Martin's Mulch will help dispose of your woody waste such as tree branches, shrubs, etc. You can contact them by calling (717) 733-1602.

**STREET LIGHT OUT OR BROKEN?**

If you notice a street light outage, please obtain the two pole numbers located at the bottom of the pole, the one begins with a "4" and the other with an "S" and call the township office at (717) 336-8720 with this information. We need this info to report the light outage to PPL.  
**Thanks for your help!**

**BURN PERMITS**

If you are planning to do open burning of woody yard waste/brush, you will need to pick up a burn permit. Burn permits are only good for a maximum of 30 days. After 30 days, you must obtain a new permit.

**Burn Permits are available in the township office Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**KNOW WHAT'S BELOW**

Safe digging is no accident! If you are installing a fence, deck, or digging for a mailbox post, patio or other excavation project, it is important to:

**Dial 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776 - before you dig.**

**AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE**

- \* Household Battery Collection Bags
- \* Recycling Bins (1 per household)

**ON-LOT SEWAGE SYSTEMS**

Just a friendly reminder that on-lot sewage disposal systems must be pumped out **every 3 years**.

When your system is pumped, **please send a copy of the septic system report to the Township office to be kept on file.**

**Please do not send a copy of your invoice.**

If you have not paid the one-time \$25 fee, please submit that with the pumping report. If you are unsure if you have paid the fee, please call the township prior to making the payment.

**TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE**

Meetings are held monthly in the township meeting room on the following days:

**Board of Supervisors:**

1st Thursday at 7 p.m.  
3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**Planning Commission:**

2nd Monday at 7 p.m.

**Authority Board**

2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**Zoning Hearing:**

2nd Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Park Board:**

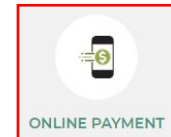
4th Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Please visit the township website for meeting dates, agendas, and meeting minutes

**ONLINE PAYMENTS**

When making a payment online, please make sure to click on the correct icon to ensure your payment is properly received.

Click on **ONLINE PAYMENT** when making a payment to **WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP** (Street Light Tax, Building Permits, etc.)



Click on **WATER/SEWER PAYMENT** when making a payment to **WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY**.



**\*\*If a payment is made to the wrong entity, you will be notified that the payment was cancelled and you will need to make the payment again.**

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Permits **ARE** required for **ALL** construction projects, as well as a **fence, shed, or a change in use of a property.**

Permits **ARE NOT** required for sealing driveways, painting, wall-papering, new flooring, sidewalks, replacement windows, swings, and replacement of siding or roofs (unless there is a structural change)

A representative from Lancaster County Assessment Office **MAY** visit your property within months to a year after the permit is issued.

**This is a separate follow-up inspection**



## Word Search

Pollution in our streams and groundwater can come from many sources (including nonpoint) and not just from big spills. See if you can find the pollutants listed below.



Agriculture	Dirt	Grass Clippings	Nitrate	Sewage
Animals	Driveway	Grease	Pesticides	Tar
Cars	Fertilizer	Lead	Phosphorous	Trash
Chromium	Garbage	Motor Oil	Salt	Wastewater
Copper	Gasoline	Mud	Sediment	Wildlife

Polluted water that goes down the drains in your house goes to a wastewater plant or septic system for treatment.

## WEST COCALICO WATER AUTHORITY

Water and Sewer bills are mailed quarterly,  
per the following schedule:

1st Qtr.	Jan/Feb/Mar	by April 15th
2nd Qtr.	Apr/May/June	by July 15th
3rd Qtr.	July/Aug/Sept	by October 15th
4th Qtr.	Oct/Nov/Dec	by January 15th

If you do not receive a bill or have any questions,  
call the Authority at (717) 336-6265.

Sump Pumps MAY NOT be connected to the public sewer system as this overloads the sewer treatment plant.

## ADAMSTOWN LIBRARY

110 W. Main Street  
Adamstown, PA 19501  
(717) 484 - 4200

[www.adamstownarealibrary.org](http://www.adamstownarealibrary.org)

**Autumn Reading Program** - Starting September 1 - November 30. Earn a free kids meal from Texas Roadhouse. Read 50 books throughout the Fall, log it, and return it for your Certificate of Achievement. Pick up your log at the library. Ages 12 & Under

**Preschool Storytime** - Wednesday mornings at 10am. Stories and an easy craft. Ages 3-6 with adult.

**Baby Storytime** - Thursday mornings at 10am. Simple stories, rhymes, puppets, songs and finger plays. Bring along your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packets to help achieve your goal. Ages Birth - 2 with adult.

**Toddler Time** - Thursday mornings at 10:30am. Stories, songs and finger plays followed by an easy craft and free play. Bring along your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten packets to help achieve your goal! Ages 2-3 with adult.

**LEGO Bag Pickup** - 2nd Monday of each month there will be a new LEGO® packet for you to pick up with instructions for a special project. Pick up a kit in the library foyer. Supplies are limited so please just take one bag per family. Ages 5-12 years.

**Genealogy Group** - This group meets once a month (2nd Tuesdays @ 6:30pm) for lively discussions, research help or short talks. Join others with an interest in researching family history and learn more about genealogy research. Adults and older students.

**Friends Book Sale** - Every Tuesday from 11:30am - 5pm at the library. Hardbacks, paperbacks, kids books, puzzles, DVDs and audiobooks available.

For more information on events, please visit the library website.



## Did You Know?

One 12-oz mug holds enough salt to treat a 20-foot driveway or ten sidewalk squares.





The **County and Township Tax Bill (Spring Taxes)** is sent to you by the **County of Lancaster**. Payments are to be made to the Treasurer of Lancaster. **If you have questions about your Spring Taxes, please call (717) 299-8222.**

Your **School Tax (Fall Taxes)** is mailed to you by the **Cocalico School District**. **If you have questions, please call the tax office (717) 336-1406.**

The **West Cocalico Township Office** mails the **Street Light Tax** to residents that have a street light on their street. **If you have questions, please call the township at (717) 336-8720.**

## WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

### 2022 TAX RATES

REAL ESTATE TAX	1.91 Mills
REALTY TRANSFER TAX	0.005%
EARNED INCOME TAX	0.005%
STREET LIGHTS \$1.56 per street front foot with a 100 foot maximum	

### STREET LIGHT TAX BILL

The 2022 Street Light Tax Bills were mailed on March 1, 2022.

If you normally receive a Street Light Tax Bill but did not this year, please call the township office at (717) 336-8720.



### TOWNSHIP DROP BOX

You may drop off:

- Water/Sewer Payments
- Street Light Tax Payments
- Building Permit Applications
- Septic Reports



The Drop Box is located to the right of the front door on the outside of the building.

## Trick-or-Treat

will be held on **October 31, 2022**  
from **6pm - 8pm**

**Rain date will be November 1, 2022**



**REINHOLDS FIRE COMPANY**  
138 W. Main Street  
Reinholds, PA 17569  
(717) 336-7753  
[www.reinholdsfirecompany.com](http://www.reinholdsfirecompany.com)

**Clam Patty Mix Sale**  
November 2  
Contact any active fireman to place order

**Soup & Sub Sale (Election Day)**  
Tuesday, November 8  
7 a.m. - SOLD OUT

**Filled Basket Bingo**  
Sunday, February 12

**Banquet Hall Rentals:** (717) 336-6266 - leave a message or email: [hallrent18@yahoo.com](mailto:hallrent18@yahoo.com)

Fundraisers are held at the Reinholds Fire Co. Banquet Hall.

For more info on events, visit the [Reinholds Fire Co. Facebook page](#)

**SCHOENECK FIRE COMPANY**  
125 N. King Street  
Denver, PA 17517  
(717) 336-6767  
[www.schoeneckfire.com](http://www.schoeneckfire.com)

**Craft Show - Bake Sale**  
Saturday, November 19  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Banquet Hall Rentals:** Contact David High  
[davidhigh@emypeople.net](mailto:davidhigh@emypeople.net)

Fundraisers are held at the Schoeneck Fire Co. Banquet Hall

For more info on events, visit the [Schoeneck Fire Co. Facebook page](#)

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**Township Office**

156B West Main Street  
PO Box 244  
Reinholds, PA 17569  
(717) 336-8720

**Authority**

156B West Main Street  
PO Box 95  
Reinholds, PA 17569  
(717) 336-6265

**Township Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Except Holidays**

**Township Website:**

[westcocalicotownship.com](http://westcocalicotownship.com)

**Email:**

[wcocalico@gmail.com](mailto:wcocalico@gmail.com)

**Water/Sewer**

**Emergency call**

**Authority's Cell Phone:**  
(717) 629-7044

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